



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending April 19, 2015

CORN PLANTING PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL

Corn producers suffered another week of wet weather that prevented them from planting corn. The crop is only 6 percent planted compared to a five-year average of 43 percent. Strawberry season is running behind normal because of the cold winter followed by persistent rains. Strawberries, normally available at the end of April, are about 2 weeks behind. There were only 1.1 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 42 percent adequate and 58 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 59 percent adequate, and 41 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Winter Wheat - Jointing	66	43	52	77	Wheat	0	2	20	56	22
Winter Wheat - Headed	1	N/A	2	22	Pasture	1	7	28	53	11
Corn - Planted	6	5	17	43	Strawberries	0	7	28	65	0
Apples – Full Bloom	73	52	61	66						

County Agent Comments

Continued wet weather continues to delay corn planting. Wheat continues to progress well in most instances. Observing some yellowing in wetter areas of fields where nitrogen leaching, de-nitrification or immobilization of N has occurred.
Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Not much has changed. Rain has kept corn and cotton planting at a complete standstill. Wheat is growing normally. Pastures are greening up fast and beef cattle are in good condition.
J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

The farmers in Fayette County were not able to do any field work this week due to rain. It rained every day except Thursday. More rain is expected this weekend. Maybe next week more corn will be planted??? Wheat looks good and pastures/hayfields are looking good.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

Some dry fertilize and burn-down applications were made in the northern part of the county early in the week. However, with persistent rainfall, all county producers are at a stand-still, waiting for sunshine and dry weather.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Pastures are greening up nicely. However, it's been too wet for any field work and does not look very promising for the next several days.
Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

It has rained every day and more rain expected. Farmers are ready to plant but no way to get into the field.
Jeri Lynn Simms, Humphreys County

Pasture and hay that was fertilized early looks great. Corn planting still on hold due to rain. Looks like there will not be any local peaches this year due to cold injury.
Paul Hart, Robertson County

Rain, Rain, Rain
Joseph Griffy, Stewart County

Rain continues to keep producers out of the field.
Kevin Rose, Giles County

Rain continues to hamper most production practices. Limited fertilizer has been applied, and almost no sprays have been applied to wheat,
Ricky Skillington, Marshall County

We had a week of wet weather and no chance to plant. It will be several days before we can get in the field. We need some dry weather.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

I don't know how many verses the rain song has, but we should be on the 3rd or 4th one and they all sound the same.
Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County

A few acres of corn were planted last week before rain brought everything to a halt. Cattle producers seem to be putting some of their profits back into their farm as fertilizer is being spread on fields that usually aren't fertilized.
Chris Hicks, Smith County

The almost daily showers continue to impede the row crop work. Some corn has been planted on upland locations. Weed control and pasture/hay fertilization continues as weather permits. Cattle continue to enjoy the flush of green grass and clover.
A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Drier conditions at the beginning of the week allowed for a little more corn to be planted; however, measureable (approx. 3 inches) rain and cloudy conditions everyday beginning Monday night halted all field activity for the remainder of the week. Temperatures remain seasonable. Storms at the end of the week caused some damage, mainly weakened and dead tree limbs, and some power outages. Corn producers planted about an additional 500-600 acres. Wheat continues to progress with flag leaves beginning to emerge on about half the crop. Pasture and hay has made excellent growth with water and temperatures, but we need some sun and drier conditions to begin harvest. Most producers reporting cows beginning to refuse hay offering.
Ed Burns, Franklin County

Excessive rainfall for another week further delaying planting.
Tom Stebbins, Hamilton County

Rain has halted corn planting again this week. Pasture and hay is doing well with plentiful rain.
John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: April 19, 2015 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending April 19, 2015				Current Week 04/20/15	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	83	54	67	8	2.03	5	16.41	-1.87	3.37	-0.13
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	82	46	65	6	2.29	4	18.73	1.09	6.90	3.62
Brownsville	83	47	65	5	2.48	5	16.45	-0.54	4.29	1.25
Covington_3SW	80	53	64	4	2.58	4	15.32	-1.99	3.57	0.15
Dresden	82	51	65	7	2.33	4	18.95	2.07	6.11	2.89
Dyersburg_AP	81	54	66	6	1.79	6	14.66	-1.06	3.65	0.66
Henderson_4W	81	47	64	5	3.85	4	18.67	1.80	6.20	3.21
Huntingdon_Wate	83	50	65	9	2.19	5	16.22	-0.85	4.57	1.68
Jackson_Exp_Stn	84	48	65	6	2.64	4	16.20	-0.67	4.89	1.90
Lexington_Ag	81	50	65	6	3.52	4	17.44	1.30	5.19	2.39
Memphis_WFO	85	52	66	7	1.50	5	14.86	-2.03	2.20	-1.20
Milan_Exp_Stn	83	51	65	8	2.02	4	14.81	-1.99	3.50	0.48
Paris_2SE	82	48	64	8	2.74	4	16.58	-0.36	5.48	2.48
Selmer	83	48	67	8	2.49	5	18.64	0.09	4.61	1.38
Union_City_AP	79	52	63	6	2.01	6	16.68	0.94	4.18	1.14
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	82	45	64	7	2.74	5	17.01	0.45	4.35	1.71
Carthage	83	44	66	10	2.77	5	16.76	0.13	4.10	1.60
Centerville_4NE	83	47	65	6	3.09	5	17.20	-0.07	4.88	1.92
Cheatham_L_D	84	48	66	12	3.22	5	15.71	-0.61	4.68	2.05
Clarksville_AP	81	53	66	9	2.75	4	18.04	1.62	6.23	3.52
Coalmont	75	39	60	4	3.18	5	24.16	2.93	7.06	3.79
Columbia_3WNW	82	42	64	9	2.27	5	16.91	-1.44	4.96	1.87
Cookeville	82	43	64	9	0.99	5	17.06	-1.40	3.62	0.78
Crossville_AP	77	53	64	10	1.99	5	18.94	0.46	4.86	1.93
Dover_1W	82	47	65	8	2.70	3	19.85	2.78	5.71	2.81
Fayetteville_Wt	78	56	68	10	2.01	6	21.26	2.04	3.42	0.48
Hohenwald	79	52	65	7	2.61	6	18.05	-0.92	5.08	1.86
Jamestown	79	45	63	9	2.01	5	17.93	0.90	4.82	2.24
Kingston_Spring	84	44	65	10	4.63	5	18.82	2.36	6.34	3.66
Lobelville	83	41	65	8	3.71	5	18.19	0.02	5.84	2.93
Monteagle	76	50	62	6	3.92	5	22.94	1.71	6.81	3.54
Murfreesboro_5N	81	48	64	8	2.14	5	16.79	-0.29	3.84	1.15
Nashville_Metro	83	55	67	9	3.24	5	16.45	1.47	5.38	2.93
Shelbyville_Wtr	77	57	66	9	2.08	7	18.09	-0.22	5.07	2.32
Sparta_WWTP	83	51	66	8	1.72	5	17.36	-0.84	4.39	1.73
Springfield_Exp	81	44	63	7	3.56	5	17.06	1.30	5.81	3.17
Tennessee_Ridge	84	46	64	8	2.75	3	15.34	-2.47	4.10	1.15
Thompson_Statio	80	47	65	7	3.06	4	17.34	-1.38	5.07	2.09
Wartrace_6E	78	48	64	7	1.11	5	18.94	-1.39	4.62	1.39
Waynesboro_Ag	80	44	65	9	2.76	6	20.42	0.94	6.52	3.29
East										
Athens	80	46	64	8	1.94	6	17.80	-2.66	4.12	0.98
Chattanooga_Lov	81	57	67	8	3.98	6	17.66	-1.58	6.48	3.68
Gatlinburg_2SW	79	41	63	9	1.87	5	15.63	-1.83	3.68	0.91
Greeneville_Exp	76	45	63	12	2.16	4	12.93	-0.72	3.66	1.33
Kingston_Ag	80	45	63	8	1.59	5	16.65	-3.03	3.67	0.76
Knoxville_AP	80	55	66	9	1.66	5	14.88	-1.41	3.22	0.68
Lenior_City	80	44	65	7	1.54	5	16.63	-1.69	3.71	0.88
Morristown_Radi	80	50	64	10	2.19	5	14.68	-0.32	3.80	1.59
Oak_Ridge	83	55	68	11	2.06	5	17.17	-0.94	4.66	1.90
Roan_Mtn_2SE	72	46	59	12	1.47	5	12.62	-2.93	4.13	1.49
Rogersville_1NE	80	50	63	7	1.25	6	16.04	1.97	4.82	2.54
Townsend_5S	78	50	63	9	1.67	6	17.32	-0.14	3.66	0.89
Tri-City_RGNL_A	80	49	64	10	1.14	3	13.32	0.51	3.99	2.01

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.